

Inventory and Monitoring Program

The San Francisco Bay Area Network Inventory and Monitoring Program tracks the status and trends of the region's natural resources in order to improve park management through greater reliance on scientific knowledge.



Inventory and Monitoring Project Highlights – November 2007

Welcome Jennie Skancke!

Please help us welcome Jennie Skancke to the Inventory and Monitoring Program. Jennie is picking up the water quality monitoring program and will also help with the streamflow monitoring. She recently graduated from the University of New Mexico with a MS in Water Resources. Her thesis was an evaluation of constructed wetlands. She has broad interests including experience with Spotted Owls, environmental education, and has also been a Peace Corps Volunteer in Mali. Although new to the bay area, she has worked in other National Parks including Denali NP and Pipestone NM. Keep an eye out for her as she collects water samples throughout the network.

Air Quality Scorecard Now Available

The Air Resources Division just developed an Air Quality Scorecard to summarize the air quality in all national parks. For our area, the scorecard includes:

Pinnacles				
Point Reyes				
Presidio of San Francisco				
Prince William				
Redwood				
Richmond				
Rock Creek				

John Muir NHS
Muir Woods NM
Point Reyes NS
Presidio of San Francisco
Pinnacles NM

To see the scores or download a copy of the Scorecard go to our intranet site and look under Air Quality: <http://www1.nrintra.nps.gov/im/units/sfan/monitor/airquality/airquality.cfm>

Climate Change and the I&M Program

The National Park Service is responsible for managing more than 391 park units, including more than 270 that contain significant natural resources. NPS supports a wide range of activities to address its mission to preserve these resources, unimpaired, for the enjoyment of future generations. The NPS is involved in a variety of activities and partnerships that contribute to a new DOI Climate Change (CC) monitoring initiative including vital signs monitoring, maintaining more than 2200 climate stations, and contributing to climate change partnerships (e.g. National Phenological Network (NPN)). A 3-page briefing on climate change has been developed by the Natural Resource Program Center and can be downloaded from the SFAN Intranet Site: <http://www1.nrintra.nps.gov/im/units/SFAN/index.cfm>